

ELECTION SURPRISES

All Officials Up For Re-election Were Defeated—Entirely New Blood

The election Tuesday passed off without much friction. There was some money floating around and a few of the usual election drunks. At night the people gathered at the park to hear the returns and cheer their favorites as the votes indicated they had more than stemmed the tide.

It was a bad day for the present officials. All those who stood for re-election were defeated. It was the day for a change of administration. There were likewise some surprises.

Congressman Rucker made short work of "Farmer" Jones both in this and other counties. He probably will figure about 5000 in the lead in the Congressional district.

John D. Taylor lost in this county but won in Linn county. It is figured officially that Dr. Wallace got a majority in the district amounting to 131 votes.

In the local field Walter Wright was the fastest runner with Dick Hunt and Warner White on the trail. Reference to the unofficial vote published on another page will show how closely these men came to piling up the same pluralities and majority. They all ran about 600 votes ahead of their nearest competitors.

The closest race was that for prosecuting attorney. Rucker was beat by McKittick by less than 100 votes. This was a hot race. It was a continuous performance for some weeks with speeches and all the paraphernalia of a campaign in a presidential year. The fight all the way through has been a hard one. Candidates have been going the rounds for months and the end of it is even a relief to the defeated ones.

There were earnest campaigns and the defeated candidates have nothing to be ashamed of in the matter of game fight. Judge Minter's defeat was a disappointment to his friends as the Judge had made strong friends during his term of office where he served faithfully, long and with great fidelity. The judge has made a record in the office as to length of term, etc. that probably will never be duplicated in the county.

Another Big Rain

This vicinity or rather, north and east to southeast was visited by a big rainstorm Wednesday evening. Over in the southeast about five miles from Keytesville a flame was seen to burst forth during the storm. It was thought the flame must have been the result of a stroke of lightning. No line could be had on the nature of the fire but a resident of the vicinity said she thought it must have been a straw stack burned during the storm. Keytesville was visited by only a slight sprinkle.

Jennings May Win.

The early reports from several big Oklahoma cities indicate that Al Jennings is liable to be the nominee for governor of Oklahoma. His vote surprised many of the people who had little idea of his standing with the people at large. Jennings campaign has been unique and if he wins it will stand out as one of the most remarkable on record.

It was hard luck for a local chap who put up about all his money on the wrong side of the election and then went home to find that his cow was dead.

Traded Hardware Stock
Hammett & Barnes, the realty dealers, in the Ratzer Building, last week closed a deal by which they traded O. Ratzer's farm near Jacksonville to J. E. Courtney of Keytesville, for the latter's stock of hardware.

Mr. Ratzer will move his newly acquired stock to Moberly in the near future and will conduct a hardware store in the Baltimore hotel building. Mr. Ratzer is a hustler and that he will make good in his new enterprise is the confident prediction of his many friends. The Monitor wishes him his full measure of success.

Mr. Courtney will move to the farm and make his future home among the good people of Jacksonville.

Another deal made by the same realty company, was in the trade of the old Gowan cafe on North Williams street to Mr. Nichols of Salisbury, for the latter's property in Goodwell, Oklahoma. Mr. Nichols will at once move to Moberly and this popular restaurant will again be opened to the public—Moberly Monitor.

Mr. Courtney admitted the deal and Mr. Blackwell, son-in-law of the buyer, was here Saturday to take charge. He said Mr. Ratzer was to arrive Wednesday and then they would decide if the store was to be maintained here or the stock taken to Moberly. The Ratzer farm is of 60 acres and Mr. Courtney got some cash money in addition for the sale.

W. O. W. Mike Picnic

Saturday dawned on great preparations for big doings at Mike when the Woodmen of the World in that section got busy for a good time. This annual event proved to be the greatest ever held there by the order, and if there was one present who did not enjoy the occasion, we are unable to account for it. One thing noticeable was that from early in the morning until 5 in the afternoon, people were coming, and the many began leaving at 4 o'clock, they met as many on their road to the grounds.

The spread was unusually fine, the music by the Marceline band exceptionally good for the number of mouth pieces, and the speeches by the candidates enjoyed by the assembly to the fullest extent on such an occasion, with the exception of two. The senior editor of this paper offers sincere apologies to the management and the people present there for his part in the only feature which marred the otherwise perfectly decent event. We congratulate the management of the affair for its splendid efforts in making this picnic one of the most successful ever held, and hope to be able to attend all future events in that section, promising that our belligerency shall never again be permitted to disgrace us.

Hardware Stock Remains

The Courtney hardware stock will not be moved but the firm will continue in the old stand. Mr. Blackwell made this announcement after a visit Wednesday from his father-in-law, O. Ratzer, of Moberly. Mr. Blackwell will be in charge and expects to move his family here later, his family now being visitors in St. Louis.

Off to Montgomery City

The sheriff's office sent a man here from Montgomery City Wednesday after Carl Harned wanted there for grand larceny. Harned was charged with stealing about \$50. The officer who came for Harned thought the case was a rather light one.

All Europe in Conflict Anglo-German War Declared

Germany and Austria appear to be Pitted Against the Other Great Nations of Europe. Great Britain Keeping Her Promise to Russia and France.

Unless checked, the war between all the great powers of Europe will be the greatest since Alexander undertook to conquer the world. Armies mobilized in all European countries, the some declare neutrality. President has issued proclamation of positive neutrality.

The Balkan war of a year ago instead of being over, has just begun, for over the little provinces of Serbia all Europe is precipitated into conflict. Austria defied France and invaded the republic, and from that moment belligerent events have trod on the heels of one another. Germany has always stood with Austria and the chip she has had on her shoulder so long has been knocked off by His Britannic Majesty and war declared between these powerful nations, following mobilizing armies in all the European countries, including Turkey.

Italy and several small countries have declared their neutrality and Belgium undertook to do so, but Russia demanded that she be allowed to send her troops across that country and Belgium denied her the right.

Thousands of Americans are in the several countries at war, and congress has taken immediate steps for their relief and return to the United States. The Secty. of the Treasury has assured the banking interests of the country that business shall not suffer for want of cash, and has set aside more than a billion dollars for their use if needed. The President has issued a proclamation declaring complete neutrality, and the commerce will suffer untold damage, we will have peace at home, if Mexico will behave.

Much Betting Here

There was considerable betting done here. There was more White money than any other kind and plenty of it went begging. There was considerable Rucker money in sight but not all of this could be placed. Odds were offered on White. One man in Salisbury is said to have cleaned up \$2500 on the election in the matter of bets. The biggest affair recorded was where it was claimed by a local citizen that a man in Salisbury wanted to bet \$5000 on the election and when his money was covered he drew it down. One man lost \$100 and there were many other bets of anywhere from \$5, \$10 up to \$50 \$100. A good deal of money changed hands on the election, most of it being on the county clerk and prosecuting attorney.

Rebecca Douglas Will

The will of Rebecca Douglas made in 1907 and written by herself is filed for probate and has been probated by Judge Minter. The will gives the husband the estate for life, this in lieu of his dower rights. After his death a brother, Archie Finlay is to get \$100 and the heirs of Walter Finlay also get \$100. The remainder of the estate goes to Mary Finlay, Martha Towles, David C. Finlay and A. Jay Finlay in four equal parts. The wearing apparel, chest and trunk contents are to be divided by Mary Finlay and Martha A. Towles.

Robert Lee Newsom

Saturday night a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newsom. The boy was a healthy specimen and was named Robert Lee, for his father. Bob was not consulted about the naming but found that the baby had already been named. As it was named for the great Confederate general and its father, Mr. Newsom could not find any place on which to hang an objection so it is to be Robert Lee Newsom.

Receive the News

A telephone company had a fine arrangement for receiving the election returns Tuesday night. It is the best yet. The telephone equipment was set in the bandstand at the park and the returns were received there and marked up on the bulletin board at once and read to the crowd. The arrangement was a credit to Manager Fidler of the telephone office and was a big accommodation. The returns were had early and they came in rapidly. The audience heard the "dops" and discussed it while occasionally a cheer was heard as some favorite rolled in a big ballot. Over in Salisbury visitors state Tuesday evening there were plenty of cheers for Richard Hunt who seemed to be the lion of the occasion as he got all the applause that was there.

Government Wheat Report

The Secty. of Agriculture has reports showing that the wheat crop of this country for 1914 will reach 950,000,000, which is nearly 25 per cent. greater than any previous crop.

The war news from the far east sent wheat up by jumps, and if all Europe should go to war, all food products in this country will reach prices heretofore unknown.

Speculators and bakers and others are laying in large supplies in Germany, Russia, Austria and nearly all the countries involved in the Servian imbroglio, and numbers in this country are stowing away large quantities for the profit.

Worker Badly Scalded

A man named Houtse, called by his friends "Big Bill" was badly scalded about the face and chest at Brunswick Tuesday afternoon while at work caring for an engine at the ash pit. The pipe conveying scalding water used to put out the fire in the engine when it is taken off a run, burst. He was taken to a Moberly hospital.

Ways of the Pump Business.

The reporter had a talk Wednesday with W. D. Vaughan concerning the pump situation. The reason was that there has been a big demand for pumps of late and the force at the store has kept busy for a month or more in installing the pumps and tanks that go with them. The whys and wherefores of the pump trade are unknown to the average man who does not know why there is a rush in the pump business at a certain season of the year. Mr. Vaughan says that the season for pumps is a dry season. This is caused by the ponds and streams drying up and the natural sources of water for stock, etc., failing. To remedy this the wells are sunk and equipped with pumps to bring the water from the deeper recesses of earth. The pumps are for all depths of wells, from 10 to 150 feet. The ordinary suction pump does good work about to 25 feet. After this, the force pump comes into play and it is necessarily the force-pump when it gets to 50 or 100 feet. It has likewise been a hard job to keep a supply of tanks on hands. The pump and tank trade go together as it is necessary to store the water as it is brought to the surface. One man sank a well ten feet in a low place and got eight feet of water. Other fellows in the highlands have to go 150 feet and sink tubing to get the water. The chain pump is much used in the town here. This is owing to the water being mostly cistern water and the necessity or desirability of aerating it to keep it from going stale. The chain and bucket pumps do the work of stirring the water and mixing it with water, giving it up considerably. There are lots of angles to the other fellow's business that many of us know nothing about and one of these was the busy and slack seasons of the pump man.

Carl Harned Arrested

Carl Harned, an old Keytesville boy, arrived here Sunday afternoon from somewhere east, and was having a good time among his old friends Monday when Sheriff O'Bryan received a phone message that he was wanted at Montgomery City. The sheriff arrested Carl and lodged him in jail. Thursday a warrant came charging the prisoner with grand larceny, stealing, taking and carrying away property to the amount of \$50 from the Dorin Hall of Montgomery City, Mo.

The sheriff of Montgomery county came for Carl Wednesday and took him back to the scene of the alleged offense for a preliminary examination. All of Carl's old friends are hoping that he will prove himself innocent of the charge.

One Good Point

One good point about the elections here is that the candidates have to make but one fight. In some states where political parties are more evenly represented than here, the candidates not only have to fight for nomination but they have to fight for the election. If the candidates here worked as hard as they do now for the primaries and then had to keep it up until the general election they would be worn to a frazzle. It is hard enough work as it is but it might be worse.

J. A. Douglas has been appointed administrator of Rebecca Douglas with bond of \$100 signed by Jamey Kelley and W. E. Washburn as securities. William Washburn and James Kelley are appointed to assist in inventorying the estate.

SURPRISED FRIENDS

Dempsey Anderson and Miss Nannie Coleman Figure in Elopement

An elopement that brought the usual surprise with it, occurred Saturday when Dempsey Anderson and Miss Nancy Coleman went to Brunswick and were married about 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening by Rev. Gresham at the home of the minister. The marriage concluded a trip to the Cutoff when a party of young folks including Elbert and Dempsey Anderson and Misses Madge Taylor, Mary and Nancy Coleman went out Saturday morning to spend the day. The young folks remained at the Cutoff all day and in the evening drove to Brunswick where the marriage took place. The affair was arranged before the party left the town for the Cutoff but not many of their friends or relative knew anything of the plans. The wedding was witnessed by Elbert Anderson, Misses Mary Coleman and Madge Taylor. After the ceremony, the three latter returned to Keytesville and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson remained at Brunswick, returning to the Coleman home Sunday morning. They remained at the Coleman home the first part of the week. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman and is an excellent young woman. She has lived here all her life excepting the time she has been at school at Fayette. Her husband is the elder son of Mrs. Julia Anderson of this city. He likewise has lived here all his life with the exception of the time he spent at the university at Columbia and the college at Fayette. Both husband and wife are bright, industrious young people and they will have the best wishes of their many friends in society and other circles of the city and county.

I Told You So

While the day of election and a day or two before were pretty lively the day after was rather quiet and devoid of noise. There were quite a few surprises for most of us and that was the reason there was not much noise. There were some of the wise ones who declare that they "knew" it all the time and it was wonderful to spot the wise-ones who, after it was over, "knew it would happen." It is too bad that the boys who pitted their shekels on the outcome of the election had not consulted the men so full of post-election wisdom. The "I told you so's" are pretty thick.

Negro Slayer Escapes

James Halley, colored, who was arrested at Huntsville recently and placed in jail here for the killing of a negro at Salisbury ten years ago, escaped from the county jail last Sunday and the county will be saved the expense of a trial. Halley was but fifteen years old when he killed the negro and it looks rather like the affair has ended about as satisfactorily as it could.

Working For Fair

Members of the Commercial Club are making the rounds to see what they can raise for the fair which they desire to get here for three days, October 8-9-10. They hope to make it the biggest fair they have had yet, if they can arrange for it and hope to have free attractions worth their while.

O. Ratzer and A. Barnes of Moberly were here Wednesday.